

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition comprising:

- a) a first component which is arabinogalactan; and
  - b) a second component comprising two or more fat-soluble vitamins selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin D, and vitamin E
- wherein the beverage composition is ready-to-drink and comprises at least about 50% water.

Claim 18. (Original) A beverage composition according to Claim 17 which comprises from about 0.001% to about 50% arabinogalactan, by weight of the composition.

Claim 19. (Original) A beverage composition according to Claim 18 which comprises from about 0.001% to about 15% arabinogalactan, by weight of the composition.

Claim 20. (Original) A beverage composition according to Claim 19 wherein the arabinogalactan is naturally occurring within a tree source of the genus *Larix*.

Claim 21. (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition according to Claim ~~21~~ 20 comprising:

- (a) from 0% to about 1% of vitamin A, by weight of the composition;
- (b) from 0% to about 0.5% of vitamin D, by weight of the composition; and
- (c) from 0% to about 2% of vitamin E, by weight of the composition.

Claim 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Cancelled)

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition according to Claim ~~24~~ 22 wherein:

- (a) when the composition comprises vitamin A, the composition comprises from about 0.0002% to about 0.5% of vitamin A, by weight of the composition;
- (b) when the composition comprises vitamin D, the composition comprises from about 0.00002% to about 0.5% of vitamin D, by weight of the composition; and
- (c) when the composition comprises vitamin E, the composition comprises from about 0.0002% to about 1% of vitamin E, by weight of the composition.

Claim 26. (Original) A beverage composition according to Claim 25 which has a pH of from about 2.5 to about 7.

Claim 27. (Original) A beverage composition according to Claim 26 wherein the vitamin A is *beta*-carotene and the vitamin E is vitamin E acetate.

Claim 28. (Cancelled)